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 Remarks to Press by Secretary Kissinger and Foreign
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Q: How did your talks go today?

Secretary Kissinger: We are in the process of working
 on mostly the annexes of the Agreement containing a
 lot of highly technical and complicated material.
 We are making progress on them. We are conducting
 useful meetings. We are meeting again tomorrow
 morning before I go to Egypt.

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Q: How many more trips to Alexandria will you need before you can nail this down? 7

Secretary Kissinger: One or two.

Q. Mr. Secretary, you will not be returning to the/UN United Nations to deliver your speech there?

Secretary Kissinger: I have decided that the speech on which I have been working, which I tries to lay out the major program of the United States towards the developing world ought to be presented at the beginning of the special session. I therefore have asked Ambassador Moynihan to read the speech for me. It will be my speech read by our Ambassador -- a speech that I have been ~~am~~ working on for many months including on this trip. It will attempt to put forward the American position towards the developing world and towards the problems of development in, I hope, a constructive manner. He will read the speech on Monday afternoon at the opening session of the special assembly.

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Q. Would you say that you were working on the fine points and that all the big issues are all out of the way now?

Secretary Kissinger: The big issues that I found in the area when I came are substantially settled, but an accumulation of fine points can also present a problem.

We are in the final phases of a negotiation, and therefore what remains is sometimes the technically most complex, but not necessarily the most significant.

Q: ~~Would~~ Would you just say it is just a matter of time rather than a new hitch or snag?

Secretary Kissinger: Or our nervous stability?

Q. Do you think, sir, that your UN speech will be able to report that a settlement has been reached?

Secretary Kissinger: Whatever happens, the UN speech will not refer to the Middle East negotiations. It was designed for a different purpose. It has been developed as a long term program. If your question is: Is it possible to conclude the negotiations by Monday,

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~~It~~/is possible, but we are not working against any fixed deadline. But you should not draw any conclusions from the fact that I have decided to have the speech read earlier in the session. I just did not want to have to slide it back from day to day in the session that lasts only ten days altogether. So I decided that it would be best to put the speech forward when it was originally scheduled on Monday afternoon on the opening session.

Q: Is there a controversy about certain parts of the Agreement that should go ~~in~~ on the public ~~part~~ part and in the unpublished part?

Secretary Kissinger: That is not the issue right now at all. They are mostly technical ~~problems~~ problems that we are discussing.

Foreign Minister Allon: In addition to what Dr. Kissinger told you I would like to inform you that ^{which} ~~at~~ our weekly Cabinet meeting/~~which~~ takes place usually on Sunday mornings will be postponed to Monday

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morning because we have another working session with the Secretary of State and his team tomorrow morning in this office. Since Dr. Kissinger is going to Alexandria later on, I have to ~~xx~~ cancel the farewell party which I prepared for tomorrow night. I am sure that we will find another date sooner or later to express our gratitude for the very fruitful work that he and his team have been doing ever since the shuttle has begun, not to speak about earlier efforts which are less publicized.

Q: Mr. Allon, what time will the meeting be tomorrow morning?

Foreign Minister Allon: 8:30.

Q: Mr. Allon, that means that the Agreement will not be initialed before Monday?

Foreign Minister Allon: The Agreement cannot be initialed before the Cabinet approves of the Agreement. After the Cabinet will approve it -- as I hope -- then it can be initialed the same day even by the

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representatives of Israel.

Q: Is the Knesset still about to meet on Tuesday?

Foreign Minister Allon: I am not sure. It just may meet on its usual work, but I think that between the Cabinet meeting and the Knesset special session, the parties will have a chance to meet among themselves in order to clarify their own positions. Only when the Knesset approves this Agreement in principle, will we be able to sign the basic Agreement between us and Egypt. Afterwards comes the negotiations phase of the technical and military/negotiations in Geneva itself. Only after the last document has been signed, then the Agreement becomes effective.

Q: Will the time span be a matter of days or weeks before the Agreement is fully solved?

Foreign Minister Allon: Well, it can be a matter of days once the Knesset approves the Agreement.

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Q: Mr. Secretary, what would you like to tell us?

(Laughter)

Secretary Kissinger: That is an absolutely novel
 approach. Usually you tell me.

Q: Well, how about trying it the other way?

Secretary Kissinger: Well, as an exception let me
 tell you. We are working now on mostly the annexes

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to the Agreement which contain highly technical
 subject matter. Therefore, they are extremely
 time consuming. I am meeting/again with the Israeli
 negotiating team tomorrow morning. After that I will
 go to Alexandria, returning in the evening. We hope
 that we can conclude this phase very shortly.

Q: Is there any ~~chance~~ chance of an initialing tomorrow?
 Secretary Kissinger: No. There can not be an
 initialing until there has been an Israeli ~~Cab~~ Cabinet
 meeting. Foreign Minister Allon has just announced that
 the Israeli Cabinet will not meet until Monday morning.

Q: Mr. Secretary, is Ambassador Moynihan making
 your speech for you ~~Tue~~ Tuesday morning?

Secretary Kissinger: Ambassador Moynihan is
 reading the speech that I have prepared. He is going
 to read it for me. He is not going to make it for me.
 We decided that since the special session lasts only
 ten days, since with the other stops I have to make
 and the necessity of reporting to the President and

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some Congressional leaders, the earliest I could probably have spoken at the U.N. would have been late Wednesday or early Thursday. On the other hand, we have been working on this program for many weeks, and it represents a major effort in our approach to this issue of development. We wanted to put it before the special session at the earliest opportunity, which is Monday afternoon at the opening session; so Ambassador Moynihan is going to read the speech on which I am still working.

Q: Is that Monday or Tuesday?

Secretary Kissinger: The United States traditionally speaks in the second spot on the opening session. The opening session is Monday afternoon. That I always knew I could not make. But now that Ambassador Moynihan will read the speech, we will do it on Monday afternoon in the spot reserved for the United States.

Q: Mr. Secretary, was this caused by any unexpected delay?

Secretary Kissinger: No, it was not caused by any

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caused
 unexpected delay. It was ~~caused~~ by the fact that in
 analyzing the requirements of the ~~xx~~ special session ~~n~~
 and the great desire of the United ~~Kingdom~~ States
 Government to put forward an integrated position as a
 basis for the discussions, it would not be fair to
 wait into the middle of the session where it then
 would be more difficult to give full consideration
 for it. So we decided to take the approach of
 submitting the speech on the opening day when it could
 then be studied for the rest of the session.

Q: What is the timetable now? Do you expect an
~~initial~~ initialing on Monday and the other countries
 on Tuesday?

Secretary Kissinger: Well, it could happen on
 Monday or Tuesday. It depends on what happens tomorrow;
 it depends on the Israeli Cabinet; and it depends on
 whether there is an Agreement.

Q: Nothing has happened to dampen your optimism?

Secretary Kissinger: No, nothing has happened. It

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is inevitable that when you get down to these final
 phases that the issues that remain are of great
 technical complexity, and they take time to settle.
 Q: How is your morale? How is your patience? You
 have been on the brink of an Agreement now for about
 a week. Are you getting a bit anxious or do you still

Secretary Kissinger: It is an agreement between the Parties.
 I will do what I can to help them. My morale is excellent.

Q: Is it possible to fail at this point?

Secretary Kissinger: Is it possible to fail? Well,
 it would be the agreement closest to completion
 that has failed in recent diplomatic history. I do
 not expect it.

The Press: Thank you.

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